



OFFICE OF PUBLIC SERVICES: ANIMAL CONTROL

ALIGNING BOARD PRIORITIES WITH OPTIMIZED RESOURCES

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Mission Statement

To improve animal and human well-being through education, prevention, and enforcement programs and humane animal care and control services for the citizens and animals of Leon County.

Strategic Initiatives/Support Highlights

Quality of Life

- Operation and offices moved to the Public Safety Complex to better coordinate with Leon County first responders during day-to-day operations and emergencies.
- Provided essential public safety services through animal bite investigations, aggressive animal intervention, educational programs and through enforcement of the Animal Ordinance.

PROTECTING LEON COUNTY'S ANIMALS & CITIZENS

- In order to continuously provide safety and well-being of both citizens and domestic animals, Animal Control staff has:
 - » Provided Bite Prevention Classes to 1st and 4th grade students throughout the local school district.
 - » Educated residents about responsible pet care, animal safety, bite prevention and related matters by participating in outreach events such as public safety fairs, "Howl at the Moon", and community pet adoption events.
 - » Educated pet owners about requirements of the Leon County Animal Ordinance and provided loaner doghouses so owners did not give up their pet for lack of proper care and shelter.
 - » Provided collars and identification tags to ensure lost pets were returned home.
 - » Conducted proactive door-to-door neighborhood sweeps with community partners in high volume service call areas. The main focus of the operation being outreach, education and resource provision.
 - » Facilitated the Capital Area Animal Network providing for an open forum format that brings together various animal welfare groups in the capital region.



Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day

- » Continued to implement strategies that allow Animal Control Officers to return animals to their owners, eliminating the need to take animals to the shelter.
- » Animal Control staff distributed low-cost spay and neuter vouchers provided by community stakeholders in an effort to impact animal overpopulation.
- Animal control staff is committed to decreasing the number of animal bites. During the year, staff:
 - » Fielded over 9,600 phone calls resulting in over 5,800 service requests and over 6,600 Animal Control Officer activities.
 - » Responded to over 270 reported animal welfare-related complaints and investigated over 50 dangerous or aggressive animal complaints.
 - » Handled over 500 animal bite exposure cases for the state mandated Animal Rabies Program.



Did You Know

Animal Control staff helps distribute reduced cost spay and neuter vouchers that are provided by community partners. This helps address pet overpopulation in Leon County.

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